

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2005 and a telephone conversation between the attorney for the applicant and the examiner on April 7, 2005. Claims 1-102 are pending in the application. With this response, claims 44-57, 66, 77-80, 88-90, 92 and 102 have been withdrawn.

In the office action, the Examiner requested the election of one of three species for continued examination. The species are:

Species of figure 1;

Species of figures 2-4 and 6; and

Species of figures 5 and 7-8.

In the telephone conversation, the examiner agreed with the applicant that figure 4 does not depict elements specific to species II and figure 5 does not depict elements specific to species III. As discussed in our telephone conversation, we agreed that Figures 4-5, and 9 are not specific to any particular species. We also agreed that the species are:

Species of Figure 1;

Species of Figures 2, 3, and 6; and

Species of Figures 7 and 8.

The applicant elects species III without traverse for further examination, which includes claims 1-43, 58-65, 67-76, 81-87, 91, and 93-101. The applicant has therefore withdrawn those claims not directed to species III.

The applicant asserts that contrary to the examiner's assertion, at least claims 1-12, 58-65, 67-76, 81-87, 93, 94 and 98 are generic to all three species. Therefore, if any of these claims

are found allowable, the applicant will be permitted to rejoin the withdrawn claims. In addition, some claims are generic to more than one, but less than all of the species.

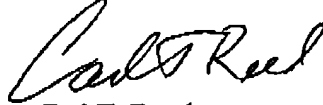
The applicant also notes that withdrawn claims 46, 47, 52, and 56 have been amended in addition to being withdrawn such that these claims have the intended dependencies should they be rejoined.

CONCLUSION

Each of the rejections in the Office Action dated March 22, 2005 has been addressed and no new matter has been added. Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if it would expedite the prosecution of this application.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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